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SHIPPING ACTIVITIES INCREASE;

ICE AFFECTS T'IEN-CHING SHIPPING SLIGHTLY -- Wen-hui Pao, 26 Jan 50

T'ien-ching -- During December 1949, ice only slightly affected the port of T'ien-ching. According to the port authority, the total number of ships entering and leaving the port was 117, with a total net tonnage of 156,814 tons. Of these, 63 ships were engaged in coastal trade and

	No of tons
Imports by coastwise shipping Imports by foreign shipping Total	6,930 24,341 31, <i>2</i> 71
Exports by coastwise shipping Exports by foreign shipping Total Combined total	1,417 25,079 26,496 57,767

The main source of domestic imports was Ta-lien, 3,750 tons, and the main source of foreign imports was Hong Kong 15,877 tons. The main destination for domestic exports was Ch'ing-tao, 752 tons, and the main destination for foreign exports was Hong Kong, 13,140 tons. The combined total tenness of imports and exports for December 1040 was more than 10 total tonnage of imports and exports for Decumber 1949 was more than 10 percent greater than for the preceding month, November 1949.

ELSE MAERSK MAKES MAIDEN VOYAGE -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 22 Feb 50

Hong Kong -- The new Danish steamship Else Maersk is expected to arrive in this port 23 February 1950 on her maiden voyage. The Else Maersk is a ship of over 9,000 tons, with refrigeration and all modern facilities. Within a few days it will depart for Singapore and Bangkok.

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SHIPPING VENTURES TO COMMUNIST PORTS -- Hua-ch'iao Jih-pao, 13 Mar 50

Hong Kong, 11 March -- The Hong Kong government has announced that between 1 January and 8 February 1950 a total of 58 ships crossed the Nationalist blockade and entered Communist ports. Of these, a little more than half were British ships, totaling 140,000 tons.

BANDITS ATTACK TUNG CHIANG SHIPPING -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 19 Feb 50

Four junks being towed by a tugboat on the Tung Chiang (East River) in Kwangtung, were raided by a group of about 100 bandits at the border area of Ho-yuan and Tzu-chin Hsien on 12 February 1950. Although the bandits did not take any cargo, they demanded 500 Hong Kong dollars from each boat.

Again, on 14 February, four river boats -- Kuo-hua, Hsin-a-chou, Fei-peng, and Fei-hsiung -- were attacked at approximately the same place. The Fei-peng and Fei-hsiung were able to escape, but the Kuo-hua and Hsin-a-chou were caught and robbed of their entire cargo, worth more than 60,000 Hong Kong dollars.

DEFECTED CNAC PLANES RISK RESTRUCTION -- Hong Kong Shih-pao, 25 Feb 50

Taihoku, 24 February -- Liu Shao-t'ing, Vice Minister of Communications, stated today that the Nationalist government is not concerned with the legal aspects of the case now before the Hong Kong courts concerning the CNAC and CATC airplanes which were sold to the Civil Air Transport, Inc, an American commercial enterprise. However, he continued, should any of those planes attempt to fly to Communist territory, they will certainly be attacked by Nationalist planes. Arrangements have already been made for watching the movements of the former planes and for attacking them.

Taihoku, 24 February -- A number of P-47s today flew over the Nan-ao Island, outside the harbor of Shan-t'ou, and sank a number of Communist ships.

COMMERCIAL AIRLINE BEIN: PLANNED IN TAIWAN -- Kung-shang Jih-pao, 9 Feb 50

Taihoku, 8 February -- An official of the CAT, Inc reported that his company is negotiating with the Taiwan Provincial government to open commercial airline services in Taiwan. The proposed air routes are: between Taihoku and Boko-to (Pescadores Islands); between Taihoku and Karen; and an around-the-island route which includes Tainan and Heito.

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